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TO AMEMBASSY CARACAS PRIORITY

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: ETRN, VE

SUBJECT: MERCHANT MARINE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT BILL

REF: CARACAS 4273 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED DRAFT LEGISLATION AND BELIEVES DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR SHIPPING AND TRADE INTERESTS. SPECIFICALLY, THE USG OBJECTS TO 1) OVERLY BROAD DEFINITION OF GOVERNMENT- SPONSORED CARGOES; 2) EXTENSION OF CARGO PREFERENCE TO COMMERCIAL CARGOES, INCLUDING BULK CARGOES; AND 3) CONSEQUENT RESTRICTION OF FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF CARRIER BY THE SHIPPER. VENEZUELAN EXTENSION OF CARGO RESERVATION TO BULK ESPECIALLY SERIOUS IN LIGHT OF PETROLEUM AND IRON ORE TRADES.

2. EMBASSY, THEREFORE, IS REQUESTED TO EXPRESS US CONCERN WITH APPROPRIATE GOV AUTHORITIES. USG WOULD OF COURSE PREFER MAJOR MODIFICATION IN LEGISLATION TO DELETE  
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PORTIONS UNJUSTLY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST US INTERESTS.  
( IF THERE ANY HOPE OF MODIFICATION DEPARTMENT WOULD TRANS-  
MIT SPECIFIC PARAGRAPH- BY- PARAGRAPH COMMENTARY ON BILL.)  
EMBASSY MAY, AS APPROPRIATE, DRAW UPON GUIDANCE AND BACK-  
GROUND CONTAINED IN STATE 84081 ( TO GUATEMALA, POUCHED  
CARACAS) OF 3 MAY 73; STATE 225812 OF 13 DEC. 72; A-8762  
OF 28 AUG. 72; AND CA-1689 OF 8 APR. 71. AT VERY LEAST,

HOWEVER, WE WANT USG VIEWS AND OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED BILL  
TO BE RECORDED WITH GOV, WITH CLEAR INDICATION THAT US  
WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE RIGHT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO  
PROTECT OUR COMMERCIAL INTERESTS. RUSH

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